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Three men and a space station

Unit Reservists are living proof you don't have to be 'rocket scientists' to work in the space program

By Jeff Melvin
908AW Public Affairs

Even cooler than Maj. Bruce Coole's last name is what he and two other 908th Airlift Wing Reservists do in their 'day' jobs.

Major Coole, new 908AW command post chief, and Staff Sgts. John Geiger, command post controller, and Scott Walter, 25th Aerial Port Squadron air transportation specialist, are space industry workers. The three Airmen all work at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. The Reservists work in the Payload Operations and Integration Center, the NASA around the clock control center for science on board the International Space Station.

Major Coole, slated to move from his job as 908th Maintenance Squadron executive officer to wing command post chief, is the most seasoned member of the trio militarily and in terms of length of service in the space industry.

The Mississippi native is manager of the crew operations team at Marshall. He has nearly two decades of military service and service in the space industry, having also worked at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

Crew operations, he said, is comprised of workers from multiple disciplines who "deal extensively with the JSC Mission Control Center, the astronaut's office and the science community as a whole."

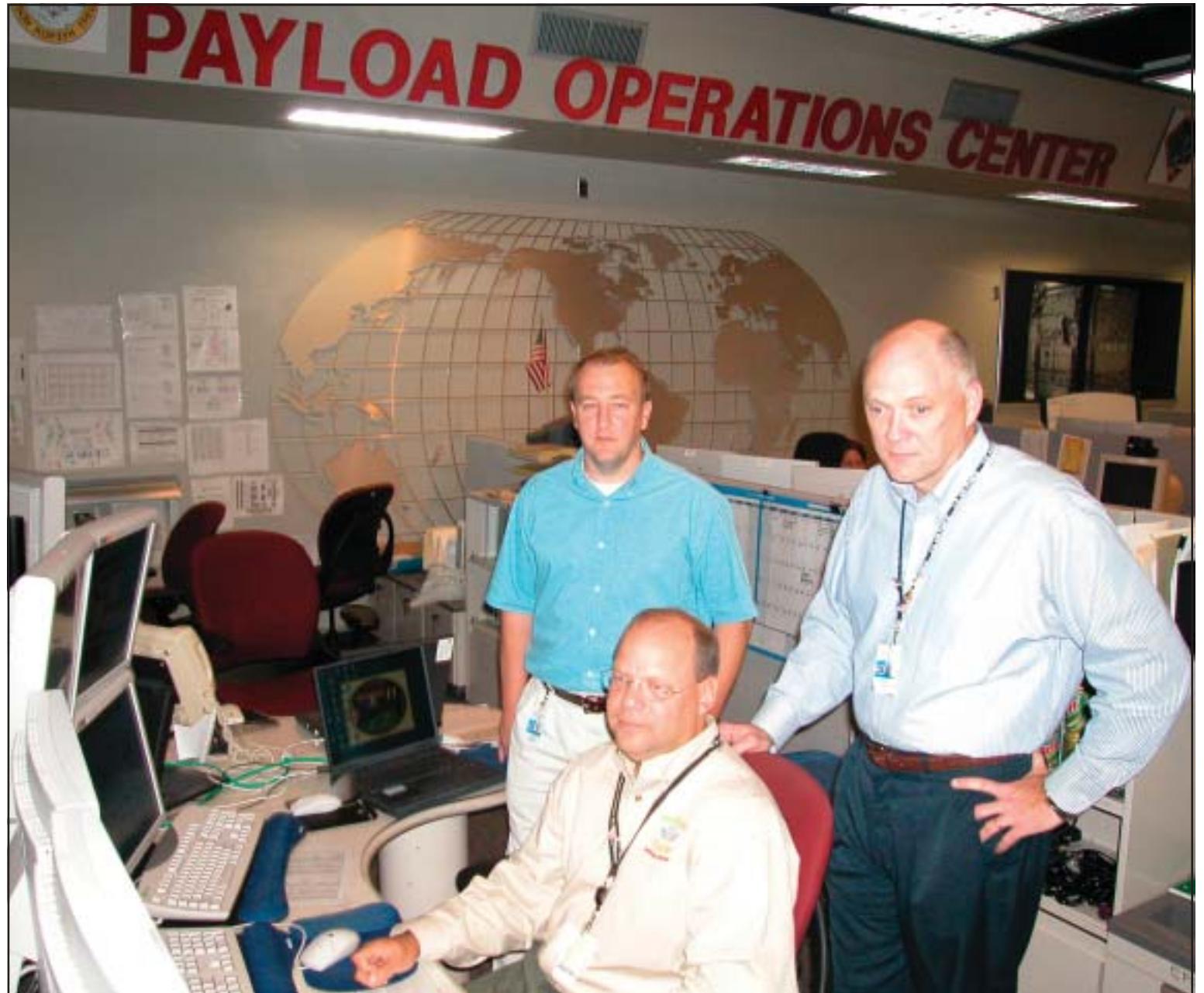


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Maj. Bruce Coole, right, Staff Sgt. John Geiger, standing, and Staff Sgt. Scott Walter, seated, stand on the control room floor of Marshall

Space Flight Center's Payload Operations Center. The people at the center work with the crew on the International Space Station.

Some members of his group write procedures and maintain documentation that assist the science community in developing operations concepts and computer displays to help operate their payloads onboard the space station.

Others keep track of inventories of items on the space station, -- tracking everything from band-aids, rubber bands and batteries to major on-orbit replacement units to provide the astronauts timely and easy access to items need to perform their daily tasks.

"Think of it as keeping up with the groceries you have in your cupboard so you can plan your daily meals. Well, we have to do the same thing

here on the ground, staying on top of everything that is needed onboard the space station," Coole said.

Another group staffs the console position that provides real time interface to the space station. "If the crew calls down and says, 'Hey, I can't find this item or hey, this procedure isn't working,' we have folks here on the ground who can fix those in real time."

And yet another group specializes in human factors engineering. That group, he said, takes care of those day-to-day things we do so often that they become second nature to us. "Well, if you give that task to someone else, maybe it isn't second

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Ceremony marks return of last aircrews, maintainers, C-130 from Southwest Asia

Wing members and their families are invited to Maxwell AFB Sept. 9 to celebrate the return of the last 908AW aircraft, aircrews, and maintenance personnel from Southwest Asia.

The event will be held in the new fuel cell hangar, starting at 1 p.m. The aircraft is scheduled to arrive at approximately 1:30 p.m. Members of Alabama's congressional delegation, local civic leaders and the news media have also been invited.

All those who have deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom are encouraged to wear their desert BDUs or flight suits to this event.

Refreshments, including sandwiches, drinks and assorted "finger foods" are being provided courtesy of the Wright Flyers, the Air Force Association and AAFES.

AF Reserve looks to Future Total Force to keep pace

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following commentary is from testimony by Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command, before the U.S. House of Representative Committee on Armed Services July 20.

WASHINGTON – We are all facing new and unique challenges. The Air Force is re-evaluating its functional and operational constructs. This will lead to new opportunities for the Air Force Reserve Command as we divest ourselves of older weapon systems and become more integrated in new Air

Force missions ... the Air Force of the 21st century.

To aid the Air Force's transformation, the Air Force Reserve must change to remain relevant to the joint fight. The Future Total Force is an extension of the way we conduct business today. It optimizes the capabilities of all three components – active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard. Through a cooperative effort, these respective members create a common vision.

In addition, we will test new organizational constructs to integrate into every facet of Air Force operations. Our Reserve Associate program, a proven force multiplier in the mobility community since 1968, will expand to other mission areas to ensure critical continuity, maintain surge capability and cut costs through a sharing of weapon systems.

As a major command, the Air Force Reserve Command must transform to reap the maximum capabilities that cutting-edge technology

offers us. We are closely reviewing current and emerging mission areas to ensure each component's role is appropriate. Involvement in future missions will not only increase our operational effectiveness but should reduce reliance on involuntary mobilization, through such reach-back capability missions as information operations, space and unmanned aerial vehicles.

The Air Force uses volunteers for a variety of peacetime, contingency and war operations. However, some missions, like major conflicts, cannot be strictly completed through volunteerism, and we will need to use mobilizations. But mobilizing during a steady state of operations eventually creates an unbalanced force. Better balance is achieved with Future Total Force.

The Air Force Reserve has been a full partner in the Future Total Force process. We are working closely to stand up a number of test

initiatives directed by the chief of staff last year

One initiative is to expand the Air Force Reserve presence in support of the many missions run by the Air Warfare Center at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. We are working with Air Force Special Operations Command to establish an associate Predator unit at Creech AFB, Nev., and for the first time we are standing up an associate fighter unit at Hill AFB, Utah. I am closely following the progress of these initiatives and look forward to working with my partners in the active duty and Air National Guard to explore further opportunities.

The Future Total Force will further integrate all Air Force components, realizing synergies we are only now beginning to recognize. The Air Force Reserve is prepared to take on these new missions, to be proactive and to accept change. Future Total Force enables the Air Force Reserve to remain an integral part of the Air Force team.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi

Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley

May blessings flow as the Lord works wonders in your life

Don't you just hate it when your shower stall is too small and the shower curtain sticks to your uh-huh while you are trying to get rinsed off in the morning? Well, I had taken it about as long as I could. I looked for weeks until I found a handyman company that would come out to the house and talk with us about doing some work in the bathroom.

Finally, the day they were to begin the work arrived. It seemed simple enough to me ... take out the tub ... put in a larger shower ...

take out the little shower and make that space a closet.

When they removed the little shower stall, they found, (and I want to be benevolent toward the builders of the house) very creative construction techniques. We found a similar situation when we removed the tub.

The four of us stood there and looked at the situation, trying to figure out how we could make this whole thing work. It took two days to get it all figured out and set about working the solution.

As I am writing this, I have every confidence that all will turn out well and we will have a big shower, a nice closet, and a bathroom that will better meet our needs.

I'm thinking that sometimes our lives are like this. We want our lives to be wonderful, and we may ask the Lord to help us do some renovations to make them that way.

When he comes and starts trying to make things as they should be ... he finds that we have used some interesting construction techniques to

put our lives together. It's no wonder they are as they are. But as we let him look us over and begin his work, we can have every confidence that when he is finished all will be well.

Excuse me now, I have to go and check on my new shower.

May you be showered with blessings from the Lord as you let him work his wonders in your life.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Civil Engineers get new commander

Maj. Scott Fallon took the reins of command of the 908th Civil Engineer Squadron Aug. 7. Major Fallon, a CES member since 1990, succeeds Lt. Col. Travis Dawson, who now serves as the 908th Mission Support Group deputy commander. Fallon, like Dawson, served as the unit's operation officer prior to moving into the commander's chair.



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Intel troops buck tradition, bask in limelight (temporarily)

By Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder
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The old military adage of 'military intelligence' being an oxymoron has been put to rest at the 908th's Intel shop with the award of four Air Reserve Component honors to three of the sections members.

"We're lucky to have them. They are sharp. We can go on deployment and not worry about what is going on at home," said Maj. Russell J. Wills, senior intelligence officer in the Intel shop about the award winners, Master Sgt. Keith Britt, Tech. Sgt. Emory Morgan and Staff Sgt. Michael Herman.

Master Sgt. Keith Britt was named Air Mobility Command Outstanding Air Reserve Component (Wing and below) Senior NCO Intelligence Analyst of the Year 2004.

"I was flabbergasted winning the award," said Sergeant Britt, "it was a tremendous honor especially considering the number of units AMC had to choose from."

Sergeant Britt, the intelligence superintendent at the 908th, had recently graduated from tech school when he suddenly landed in the Intel shop without an air reserve technician in the shop to show him the ropes.

He managed the Intel shop while the Intel officers were deployed to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, he spent nearly four months in Southwest Asia supporting C-130 aircrews. He presented more than 100 pre-mission briefs while deployed.

"Sergeant Britt knows how to work with aircrews; he helps to put puzzles together. He always seems to know what is going on and he's never flustered," Maj. Wills said.

Describing his job, Sergeant Britt said, "We locate where the bad guys are, what kind of weapons they have and where the weapons are deployed.

"We produce finished products through all sources of Intel collection methods," the former loadmaster continued. "Intelligence entails constant briefing, intelligence collecting and then updating aircrews."

Major Wills, who is about to begin a new job as an Intelligence Analyst Engineer, said his superintendent is "always there and one step ahead on what needs to be done."

Tech. Sgt. Emory Morgan earned two awards: the 2004 Air Mobility Command Outstanding Air Reserve Component (Wing and below) NCO Intelligence Analyst of the Year and the Air Force Level II Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence NCO of the Year for 2004.

Sergeant Morgan said he felt very humble about earning recognition. "Our Intel shop has done some great things this year; I've never seen a shop so eager to perform," said Sergeant Morgan.

Sergeant Morgan's entire career has been in intelligence and he's a valued source of knowledge, said Sergeant Britt.

Sergeant Morgan, who's nearing 20 years in the Intel career field, said

he was inspired early on by a relative, his grandfather, who served in Army Intel under Gen. George Patton during World War II.

"He is the hardest working man I have ever met," said Sergeant Britt of his co-worker and fellow award winner.

Sergeant Morgan said he likes to keep up with what the bad guys are doing.

"I enjoy the thrill of knowing what is not known," he said.

The remaining member of Intel's award winning trio is Staff Sgt. (then-Senior Airman) Michael Herman. Sergeant Herman was named AMC's 2004 Air Reserve Component (Wing and below) Airman Intelligence Analyst of the Year as well as the Air Force Level II Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence Airman of the Year for 2004.

Sergeant Herman said he felt good about winning the awards but didn't think he did anything out of the ordinary. "It's weird to win a big award like that. You don't realize that the work you do every day could be worthy of an award like that. I really don't feel like I've done anything outstanding."

His supervisor, Sergeant Britt, disagrees. "Mike came into the Intel shop and immediately began producing products well above his skill level and he still does," he said.

"It goes to show the type of training we get in this shop," said Sergeant Herman, who has been in the unit for four years.

Sergeant Herman indicated he will stay in the Intel field the remainder of his career saying, "it's been the best job I've ever had."

"I have gone to war with them and would again," said Major Wills, giving his award winning subordinates arguably the ultimate compliment.



Master Sgt. Keith Britt

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jay Ponder



Tech. Sgt. Emory Morgan

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Staff Sgt. Michael Herman

Photo by Jeff Melvin



Staff Sgt. John Geiger sits at a console in the 908th AW Command Post.



Maj. Bruce Coole reviews an informal status board at the Payload Operations Center.



Staff Sgt. Scott Walter checks out a vehicle in the transportation yard adjacent to the 25th APS hangar.

Payload Operations

The Payload Operations Center at the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., provides the heartbeat for payload operations. This science command post coordinates operations around the world with their experiments and payloads on the International Space Station.

Throughout the life of the Space Station, the center will integrate research requirements, plan its science operations, and ensure they are safely executed. It will integrate crew activities, research mission timelines. It will manage payload resources, handle science communications with the station, and command and data transmissions to and from the station.

The Operations Center is staffed around the clock by 19 flight controllers. (Source: NASA Fact Sheet)

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nature to them. This group's skills and talent lie in taking care of those human factors as they relate to working in the harsh environment of space.

The major, who enlisted in the Air Force straight out of high school and served in the the Air Guard, too, before joining the Air Force Reserve, sums up his job in the payload operations and integration center at Marshall succinctly.

"... Scientists want to run certain experiments onboard the international space station because of the microgravity. We work with them to get their products, their procedures, their hardware, software etc. integrated into the NASA requirements so that they can operate it onboard. So we are very narrowly focused in POIF (payload operations integration function). We focus on the science for space station."

Sergeants Geiger and Walter's responsibilities aren't as broad as Coole's but they're no less demanding. These former active duty Air Force enlisted personnel staff consoles in the Payload Operations Control Center supporting a 24x7 rotation schedule.

Walter, who grew up near Offutt AFB, Neb., is a command payload multiplexer de-multiplexer officer. That's space geek speak for he sends commands to the payload or experiments as well as controls interface between the payloads and their users.

"We also have a payload MDM box (the dedicated ISS payload computer) onboard that we keep current with files so that we can perform our duties," Walter said.

Geiger, a Florida native, is a timeline control officer. He schedules astronaut and cosmonaut crew time for the experiments.

The paths that led them to NASA are as disparate as their birthplaces, Mississippi, Florida and Nebraska. None of them dreamed about working in the space programs as youngsters or young adults.

Growing up, Coole didn't know what he wanted to do but he figured he'd probably serve in the military like his dad and his brother.

Walter wasn't star struck either. But he did have a high regard for the Air Force based on the positive influence and encouraging words of friends' fathers who were in the Air Force that planted themselves firmly in his mind as he came of age in his hometown near Offutt AFB, Neb.

And Geiger, well he wanted to be an accountant. That changed when he started going to college.

"I said, 'I really don't want to do that, so I changed to pre-law. I hated spending time in the law library, so I went back to business in general. I just thought that I'd be working in business or accounting. I like working with numbers in an accounting sense but not in a math sense. I don't like the hard math. When you start putting letters in it - I don't like it. ... All I could ever think about is that I'd be doing something accounting-wise or business-wise. You know, working in an office, sitting behind a desk. I wouldn't say I dreamed about it, but it's always what I envisioned doing."

So how did these three who had no dreams or fantasies about reaching the stars end up working in the space industry. This answer isn't 'rocket science,' either. Their disparate paths and varying degrees of motivation or interest converged when they joined the Air Force, received quality, highly sought after training and through fate, grace, good luck or coincidence earned the credentials that paved their entry into one of our nation's most demanding and rewarding career fields, the U.S. space program.

It all falls back to the training they received in the Air Force coupled with their desires for self improvement.

Major Coole tells his story, this way.

"At 17, I went straight from high school into the Air Force. After four years on active duty in the communications/computer field, I got out and went to work for a contractor with NASA in Houston at the Johnson Space Center."

Using the skills he gained during his active duty years, the major worked in several different areas at the

Johnson Space Center before moving to Marshall in 1991.

"And then when I got out of the Air Force, I joined the Guard. I went into engineering and installation unit where the primary focus is to engineer and install computer networks, computer systems. That knowledge worked real well with what I did with NASA down in Houston which was at that time maintaining their data networks on the ground, and from there I moved to the shuttle. So it seems like my career on active duty, in the Guard and now in the AF Reserve has always paralleled what I'm doing in civilian life and they've complemented each other very well.

Walter's story is similar. He took advantage of opportunities that presented themselves. "When I was first in the Air Force and learning how to fly satellites, I was also getting my degree in computer information management and minored in telecommunications."

Unlike his counterparts, there's no correlation between what Walter does in his civilian job and what he does in the Air Force Reserve although his active duty training got him his job at Marshall.

His active duty job, he said, was a "command and control job. Basically, I sent commands to satellites, configured ground systems and launched telemetry. What I did on active duty is how I got hired here (Marshall Space Flight Center)."

As a reservist, he's in the special handling section of the aerial port squadron, monitoring hazardous materials and loading/unloading airplanes. Like many unit members, he deployed, performing some ATOC (air transportation operations center) functions.

"I enjoy what I do at 25th APS because it gives me something completely different. I'm out of the office; I'm not sitting behind a computer screen," he said.

Plus, there's the sense of accomplishment gained from progressing from a relative rookie who couldn't tell a C-130 from a C-17 to activation/deployment and skill as an air transport specialist.

Geiger, too, used his active duty training to get a leg up in the space industry, using nearly 4 years as a satellite systems operator followed by instructor duty as a springboard to his civilian position.

The trio, despite their different paths to their space industry careers, are in agreement on several fronts such as how fortunate they are to have 'lucked' into the space industry, the supportiveness of their civilian co-workers and bosses to their military service and the pride they feel stemming from their military and civilian jobs.

Marshall is very military friendly, they say.

"My co-workers have always been accommodating. If I have drill weekend and I need to switch off, they've always been real helpful in working my shifts," Walter said.

Four or five of the people he works with are veterans who've "Been there, done that," Geiger adds.

"Some of them have shown some interest in joining the Reserve or Guard based off of what I do. But for the most part even with some of the people who aren't in my group, they know that I'm a Reservist and often ask, 'Hey, how's your unit doing, have they been activated, are you safe.' It goes hand in hand. Those guys are real supportive of me if I have to leave for two weeks or whatever. They take my shifts, they help out or when I have work on weekends sometimes they say, 'Ah, don't worry about it, you go off to Montgomery, I got it.' They're real cool about that kind of stuff."

Coole said he takes pride in saying, "I'm an Air Force Reservist (in my NASA work) likewise when I'm at Maxwell I'm proud to say, I work at NASA in my civilian job."

And then there's pride that stems from the work that "benefits us all as humans," he said.

"It's not a space race - it's cooperation, it's not just Russia and the U.S. There are a lot of countries working together. We all want to do more. I think we all have certain limitations that prevent us from doing more. ...When you saw the news clips when the shuttle docked with the international space station, we had all the people from all the different countries there. That's a team. That's not, 'Oh, I had this flag on and you had that flag on.' There it's different. And I think it's the same thing here. It's just like badges. We don't look at badges; we don't look at flags.

Center "supports" one-stop service around the world

By Mike Molina and Tech. Sgt. Rob Mims
Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel
Center Public Affairs

DENVER – The Air Reserve Personnel Center here is more than 7,000 miles from Baghdad but for an individual mobilization augmentee serving in Iraq, the center's personnel services are only seconds away.

Earlier this year ARPC officials released the Virtual Personnel Center for the Guard and Reserve, a Web-based personnel service portal for Air Force reservists and Air National Guardsmen. The new service at the center, an Air Force Reserve Command direct reporting unit, is already getting some valuable use.

"Being able to have your records updated with a simple click of a button was impressive," said Master Sgt. Scott Davis, an IMA attached to the 7th Security Forces Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. "I was honestly expecting the records update to take weeks, but my records were up-

dated within a matter of hours."

The Web portal at <http://arpc.afrc.af.mil> has been online since April but was given a new look and re-released July 15.

That same day in Baghdad Sergeant Davis accessed the vPC-GR to request an update to his decorations. Within hours, the changes were made to the sergeant's records and his questions were answered.

"This system saved me valuable time trying to match my schedule here with the time change back at ARPC," he said. "It was important for me to have my records correct – just in case."

Tech. Sgt. Jennifer Bye, NCO in charge of Contact Center Branch 3, said her branch tries to handle customer requests the same day they are received. She is responsible for managing and distributing Web requests to other contact center technicians and said she answered a lot of questions in less than 10 minutes.

"The new support site is still in its infancy, and yet the benefits to our members are already being felt worldwide," said Col. Ann Shippy, ARPC commander.

Three days after the release of the redesigned site, Hugo Padilla, chief of ARPC's personnel service systems support, helped an officer in Southwest Asia deployed from her home attachment at Scott AFB, Ill.

He helped Maj. Sharon Ross reset her password so she could access her personnel services account online.

"She was working in Southwest Asia, sitting there working real-time battlefield medical evacuations from the AOR," said Mr. Padilla. "She thanked me. I said, 'No way, thank you.'"

Major Ross said she likes the "key words" area on the "frequently asked questions" page.

"It makes it easier to hone in (on) pertinent topic questions" the major said. "I also like the site map – it's

much quicker to find needed topic(s)."

When Major Ross suggested a link to MyPay, it was added to the site map two days later.

"This is another shining example of the innovation and commitment to excellence our people here demonstrate by providing second-to-none customer service," Colonel Shippy said.

Today at work, home or on the battlefield, regardless of the time of day or night, ARPC is only a mouse click or phone call away. It has a staff willing to help, to get the job done.

"It's personnel services 24/7, no matter where you are," said Dave Aldrich, director of personnel services. "If you can get on the Web, it's available."

"It is nice to be overseas and be able to keep up with my IMA side of the business," said Major Ross. "One-stop shopping – it's the wave of the future." (AFRC News Service)

AFRC exceeds recruiting goal for 5th consecutive year

By Senior Master Sgt. Elaine Mayo
Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting
Service

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. – For the fifth consecutive year, Air Force Reserve Command has exceeded its recruiting goal. This year is the earliest the command has achieved its annual requirement. The recruiting year ends Sept. 30.

AFRC Recruiting Service met its 2005 recruiting year goal Aug. 11 when it accessed its 8,800th recruit, and the numbers continue to climb.

As of Aug. 22, recruiters reported a record 9,048 accessions, moving the command closer to meeting its congressionally mandated end strength of 76,100 by the end of September.

"It's a tough recruiting environment for all the military," said Col. Francis M. Mungavin, AFRC Recruiting Service commander. "We've been able to overcome the challenges and meet the requirements. I'm very happy we were able to make goal and will continue to work toward 100 percent end strength."

In a congratulatory memo, Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander, wrote, "You continue to amaze me with your accomplishments as the Best Recruiting Force in the Department of Defense – the first force (active and reserve) to achieve annual goal and one of only two reserve recruiting components on target to make goal by year's end." (AFRC News Service)



908th AW Recruiting News

Above, Master Sgt. Bob Spears, new 908AW Senior recruiter surveys his new Maxwell AFB home. Sergeant Spears comes to the 908th from Dobbins AFB where he was the officer accessions recruiter. Commenting on his new job, the 15-year Air Force veteran from Augusta, Ga. said, "This is a great wing. My goal is to keep it running smoothly. Left, 908th Maintenance Group Commander Col. Kerry Kohler presents a certificate of recognition to 908AW Columbus, Ga. recruiter, Tech. Sgt. Richard Casavant.



Take Note

Here's latest Deserving Airman Commissioning Program news

- Packages are due to the 908th MPF NLT Sept. 30
- Air Force Officer Qualification Test may be taken at both the Sep and Oct UTAs
- Board will be held Dec. 3 at 9 a.m.
- Officer positions to be filled: maintenance officer, executive officer, logistics readiness officer and services officer

Attn. pilot, navigator candidates

All personnel wishing to apply for a pilot or navigator position should submit a package to the 357 Airlift Squadron
 For information, contact Maj. Stoffregen at 3-6572 or Capt. Mickelson at 3-3334

Don't forget, alumni dinner Sat.

Past and present unit members are invited to the 908AW Alumni Association Reunion Saturday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maxwell-Gunter Annex's Falcon's Nest.
 The buffet style meal includes sliced roast beef, grilled chicken breast, crispy catfish, salad and various vegetables, desserts and tea or coffee.

For more information, please contact Harriett Mullins, (334)365-4351; Harold Taylor (334) 365-5529 (E-mail: taylorsh3@aol.com); or Gene Beasley (334) 365-4721 (E-mail: gb306@bellsouth.net).



Pie in the sky, I mean, eye

Maj. Jerry Lobb is all smiles as he makes sure he gets his money's worth as the high bidder for the right to crush a pie in the face of Lt. Col. Dennis Pierson, wing staff judge advocate. Who wouldn't smile at the chance to do that to a lawyer? The auction, held as a fund raiser for the

Mission Support Group, raked in nearly \$250 to supplement unit funds to support upcoming events. MSG commander Col. Bill Forshey and former MPF commander Maj. Troy Vonada also lent their support, and faces, to the cause.



Getting their grub on

Wing junior enlisted personnel sample the free pizza and soda provided to E-4s and below courtesy of the 908AW

Top Three Association. The pizza fest was held at the Maxwell AFB Enlisted Club Aug. 6

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